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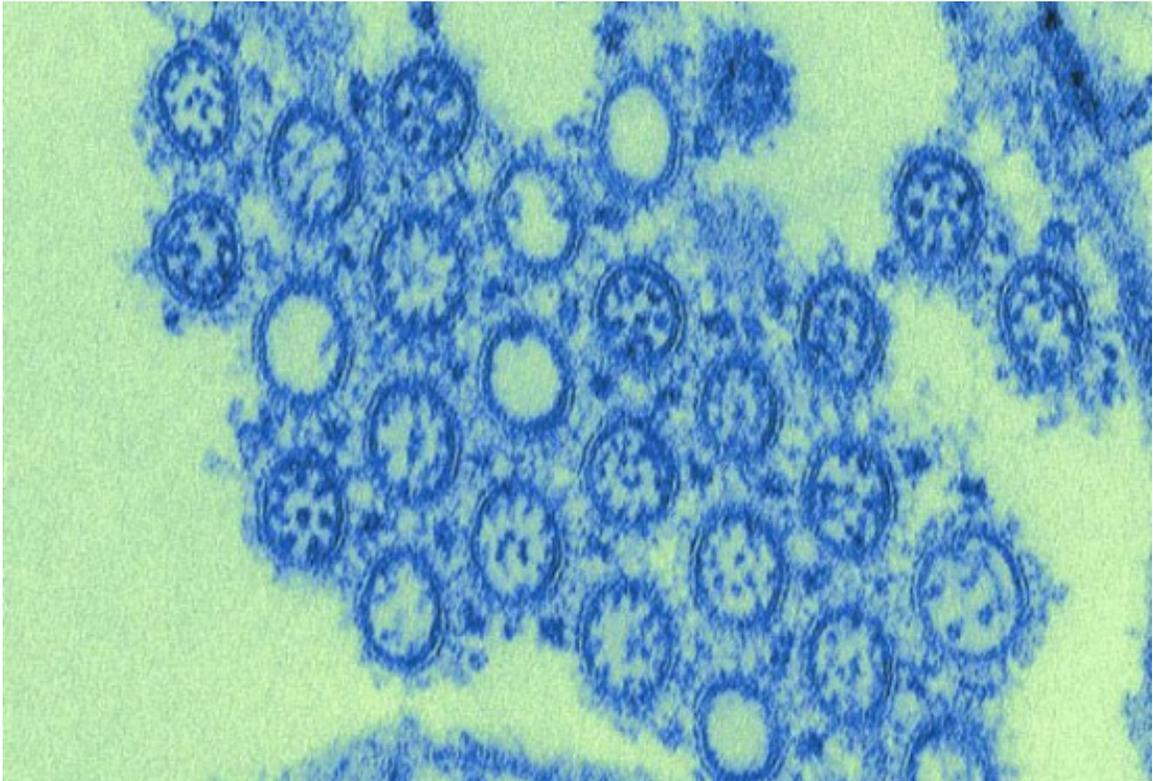
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In 2009, a new H1N1 influenza virus emerged, causing the first global flu pandemic in 40 years. Below is a timeline of major events that took place during the [2009 H1N1 pandemic](#).

[Influenza Historic Timeline](#)

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April 15

- First human infection with new influenza A H1N1 virus detected in California.
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April 22

- CDC activated it's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
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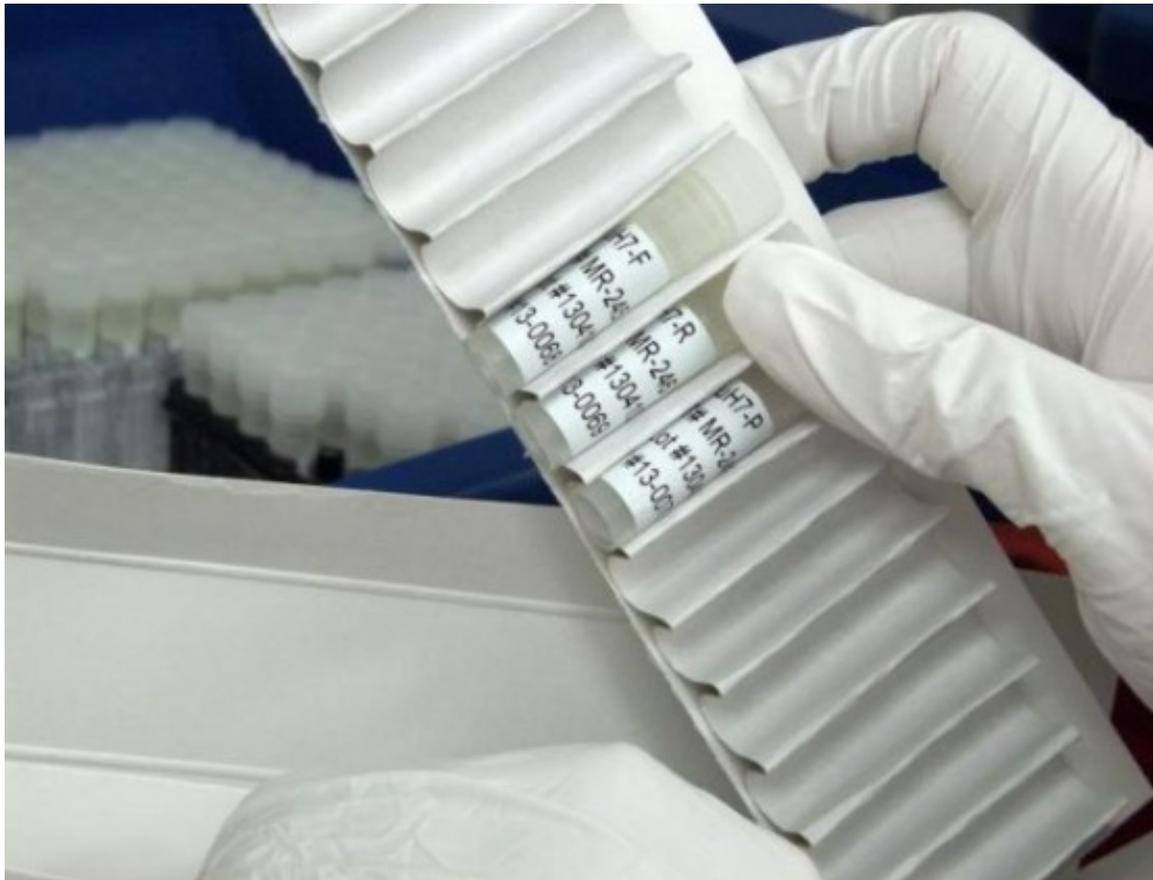
April 24

- CDC uploaded complete gene sequences of new H1N1 2009 virus to a publically-accessible international influenza database.
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April 26

- The United States Government declared 2009 H1N1 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and CDC began releasing 25% of antiviral drugs needed to treat this new influenza virus from the federal stockpile.
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May 1

- Domestic and global shipments of new CDC test to detect 2009 H1N1 began.
- CDC updated the *CDC Interim Guidance on Closing Schools and Childcare Facilities*, recommending affected communities with lab-confirmed cases of influenza A H1N1 consider adopting school dismissal and childcare closing measures, including closing for up to 14 days depending on the extent and severity of influenza illness.
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June 11

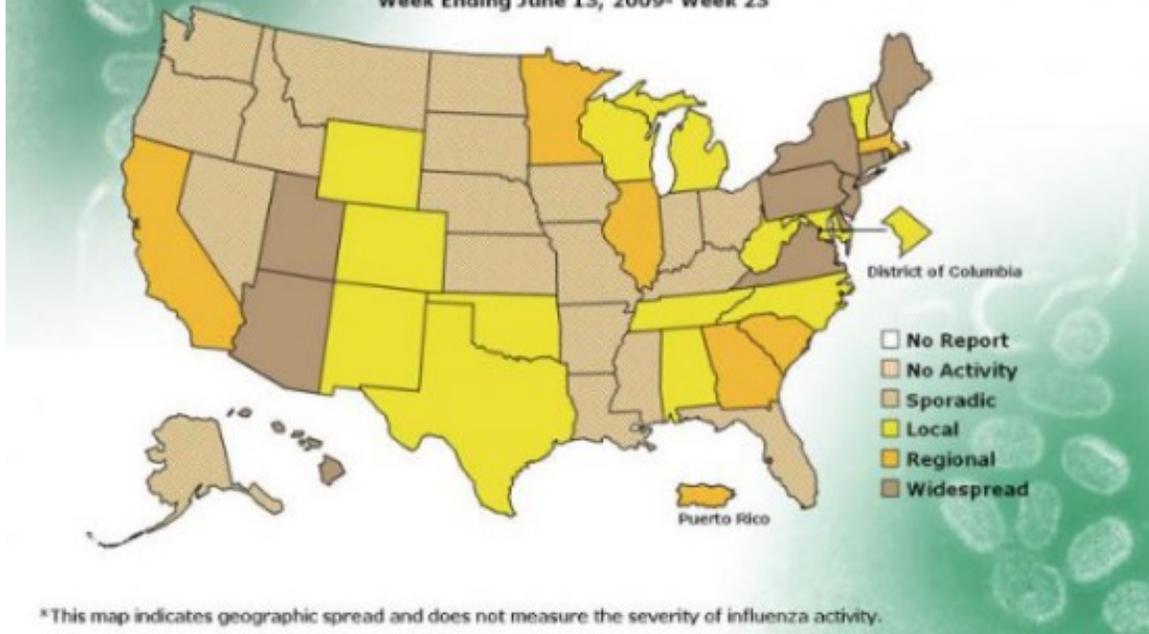
- The World Health Organization (WHO) declared a pandemic and raised the worldwide pandemic alert level to phase 6, which means the virus was spreading to other parts of the world.
- CDC held its first press conference with new CDC Director Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH. The press conference had 2,355 participants.
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A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division
Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists*

Week Ending June 13, 2009- Week 23



June 19

- All 50 states, the District of Colombia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands had reported cases of 2009 H1N1 infection.
- By late-June, more than 30 summer camps in the U.S. had reported outbreaks of 2009 H1N1 influenza illness. CDC released guidance for day and residential camps to reduce spread of influenza.
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July 22

- Clinical trials testing the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine began.
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August 20

- *CDC Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)* and accompanying toolkit posted to CDC.gov. Calls were conducted with Secretary Duncan and Sebelius to explain guidance. Press briefings followed.
- Second wave of 2009 H1N1 influenza activity began in the U.S.
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